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ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

State Estimates of Actual and Expected
New Capital Expenditure by Private
Enterprises in Selected Industries
(5646.0) (quarterly)

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

Average Weekly Earnings, States and
Australia (6302.0) (quarterly)
Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia
(6312.0) (monthly)
Job Vacancies, Australia (6231.0)
(quarterly)
Overtime, Australia (6330.0) (quarterly)
The Labour Force - Victoria (6201.2)
(monthly)

PRICES

Consumer Price Index (6401.0) (quarterly)
Price Index of Materials Used in Building
Other than House Building, Six State
Capital Cities and Darwin (6407.0)
(monthly)
Price Index of Materials Used in House
Building, Six State Capital Cities
(6408.0) (monthly)

BUILDING

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Activity, Australia (8752.0)
Approvals, Australia (8731.0)

RETAIL SALES

Retail Sales of Goods (Excluding Motor
Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.), Australia
(8501.0) (monthly)

PRODUCTION

Monthly Summary of Statistics - Victoria
(1302.2)

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

Motor Vehicle Registrations, Australia
(9303.0) (monthly)

BANKS

Monthly Summary of Statistics - Victoria
(1302.2)

HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION

Housing Finance for Owner Occupation,
Australia (5609.0) (monthly)

INSTALMENT CREDIT FOR RETAIL SALES

Instalment Credit for Retail Sales,
Australia (5631.0) (monthly)

OVERSEAS TRADE

Exports, Australia (5404.0) (monthly)
Imports, Australia (5406.0) (monthly)

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Monthly Business Indicators - Victoria - February 1985

Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Percentage change over year
				One period	Two periods	Three periods		
ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (a)	\$m	Sept. 84	931.4	995.7	777.0	887.0	866.7	7.5
Manufacturing	\$m	Sept. 84	247.8	252.9	203.9	263.0	241.4	2.7
Finance	\$m	Sept. 84	387.0	458.3	377.4	389.2	292.9	32.1
EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES								
Persons in labour force -	'000	Jan. 85	1,862.3	1,929.2	1,886.3	1,875.8	1,816.4	2.5
Employed persons	"	Jan. 85	1,716.6	1,782.7	1,760.3	1,754.4	1,649.5	4.1
Unemployed persons	"	Jan. 85	145.7	146.6	126.0	121.5	167.0	-12.8
Overtime hours worked per employee	No.	Nov. 84	1.50	1.18	1.30	1.24	1.23	22.0
Job vacancies	'000	Nov. 84	11.2	7.8	8.9	10.1	6.5	72.3
Average weekly earnings -								
Males	\$	Sept. 84	387.10	380.60	367.60	358.80	344.70	12.3
Females	\$	Sept. 84	270.30	266.70	255.40	243.60	233.40	15.8
Indexes of weekly award rates (June 1976=100) -								
Wage earners								
Adult males	numbers	Dec. 84	206.3	206.3	206.3	206.3	198.2	4.1
Adult females	"	Dec. 84	203.5	203.5	203.5	203.5	195.3	4.2
Wage and salary earners								
Adult males	numbers	Dec. 84	204.3	204.3	204.3	204.3	196.1	4.2
Adult females	"	Dec. 84	202.6	202.6	202.6	202.6	194.5	4.2
PRICES								
Consumer Price Index (Melbourne)(1980-81=100)-								
Food	numbers	Dec.qr 84	134.4	133.0	129.8	130.2	128.6	4.5
Clothing	"	Dec.qr 84	127.2	124.0	123.3	119.6	119.4	6.5
Housing	"	Dec.qr 84	148.0	144.9	141.8	137.5	134.3	10.2
Household equipment and operation	"	Dec.qr 84	137.9	136.1	134.8	133.4	132.4	4.2
Transportation	"	Dec.qr 84	135.7	135.2	134.5	131.7	130.7	3.8
Tobacco and alcohol	"	Dec.qr 84	150.7	147.8	146.0	142.7	140.8	7.0
Health and personal care	"	Dec.qr 84	126.8	123.5	122.7	142.7	181.1	-30.0
Recreation and education	"	Dec.qr 84	118.3	118.5	116.9	117.3	114.6	3.2
All groups	"	Dec.qr 84	136.6	134.9	133.0	132.6	133.3	2.5
Price Index of Materials Used in Building								
Melbourne : All groups -								
House building (1966-67=100)	numbers	Sept. 84	460.4	459.0	456.8	453.1	414.6	11.0
Other than house building (1979-80=100)	"	Sept. 84	150.7	150.4	149.5	148.5	117.2	28.6
BUILDING								
Approvals -								
New houses	No.	Nov. 84	2,811	3,125	2,663	3,231	2,678	5.0
New other dwellings	"	Nov. 84	541	794	582	659	459	17.9
Value of all building	\$m	Nov. 84	385.5	360.9	248.6	391.7	267.6	44.1
Commencements -								
New houses	No.	June qr 84	7,800	6,500	7,450	6,470	6,970	11.9
Value of new houses	\$m	June qr 84	387.2	323.3	360.7	308.1	313.1	23.7
New other dwellings	No.	June qr 84	1,482	1,390	1,241	1,358	1,629	-9.0
Value of new other dwellings	\$m	June qr 84	52.7	48.2	44.0	41.5	51.3	2.7
Value of other buildings	"	June qr 84	270.7	214.7	258.1	257.8	216.0	25.3
Work done in period	"	June qr 84	790.8	664.3	684.1	707.0	589.6	34.1
RETAIL SALES (excluding motor vehicles etc.)	\$m	Nov. 84	1,084.4	1,017.5	921.5	971.6	1,025.3	5.8
PRODUCTION								
Manufacturing -								
Clay bricks	million	Dec. 84	30	38	44	37	27	11.1
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu.m	Dec. 84	205	268	284	192	207	-1.0
Plastics and synthetic resins	tonnes	Dec. 84	46,319	49,847	45,748	40,320	40,449	14.5
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq.m	Dec. 84	2,518	3,415	3,337	3,307	2,549	-1.2
Cars and station wagons	'000	Dec. 84	17.8	22.8	22.7	22.5	15.6	14.1
Wool yarn	'000 kg	Dec. 84	985	1,416	1,396	1,257	891	10.5
Woven fabric - Wool(incl.blanketing)	'000 sq.m	Dec. 84	245	414	326	307	214	14.5
Man-made fibre	'000 sq.m	Dec. 84	4,590	7,433	7,282	7,388	4,082	12.4
Mining -								
Crude oil	'000 cu.m	Nov. 84	2,046	2,216	1,820	2,158	2,063	-0.8
Brown coal	'000 tonnes	Nov. 84	2,942	3,000	3,444	3,449	2,384	23.4
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS								
Cars and station wagons	No.	Nov. 84	11,168	12,807	10,585	13,121	9,944	12.3
Other motor vehicles (incl. motor cycles)	"	Nov. 84	2,884	3,170	2,690	3,924	1,959	47.2
BANKS								
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	Nov. 84	13,209	13,196	13,134	12,908	12,016	9.9
Trading -								
Deposits (b)	\$m	Nov. 84	9,623	9,357	9,501	9,437	8,791	9.5
Advances (b)	"	Nov. 84	6,419	6,491	6,216	6,095	5,919	8.4
Debits to customers' accounts (c)	"	Nov. 84	18,445	18,035	20,566	18,726	15,354	20.1
HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION								
Secured commitments to individuals -	\$m	Nov. 84	318.7	343.7	276.2	319.6	250.1	27.4
Savings banks	"	Nov. 84	201.8	220.7	166.6	184.1	156.2	29.2
Trading banks	"	Nov. 84	27.6	23.2	19.2	19.3	12.4	122.6
Permanent building societies	"	Nov. 84	71.7	74.7	73.0	94.8	57.4	24.9
Other lenders	"	Nov. 84	17.6	25.0	17.4	21.4	15.3	15.0
INSTALMENT CREDIT FOR RETAIL SALES								
Amount financed	\$m	Nov. 84	50.1	55.6	44.3	48.5	46.1	8.7
Cash collections and other liquidation	"	Nov. 84	48.4	52.6	43.9	54.9	55.8	-13.3
OVERSEAS TRADE								
Imports	\$m	Nov. 84	863.4	1,002.9	715.6	947.9	664.9	29.9
Exports	"	Nov. 84	564.6	451.1	480.8	436.2	426.4	32.4

(a) By private enterprises

(b) Major trading banks

(c) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne.